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In re Application of:)
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 Osamu KATO et al.) Confirmation No.: 1776
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 Application No.: 10/776,637) Group Art Unit: 3767
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 Filed: February 12, 2004) Examiner: Deanna K. Hall
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 For: HOLLOW TUBE BODY FOR MEDICAL)
 TOOL AND A CATHETER INTO)
 WHICH THE HOLLOW TUBE BODY IS)
 INCORPORATED)
 Mail Stop AF

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Sir:

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

In response to the Final Office Action dated October 10, 2008, the period for reply extends through January 10, 2008, entry of the following remarks is respectfully requested to place the application in clear condition for allowance or, alternatively, in better form for appeal.